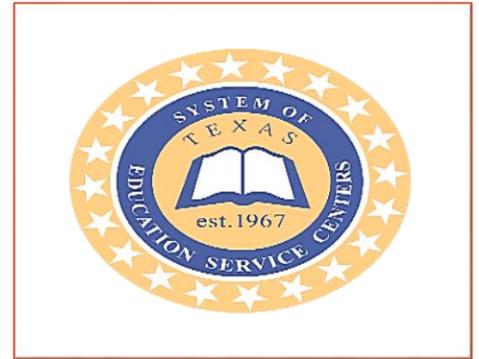


System of Regional Education Service Centers

<http://www.texasresc.net/> | T: 512.919.5349



Quick Facts

Number of Regional Education Service Centers: 20

Established: 1967

Number of Services Offered: Over 300

Accountability

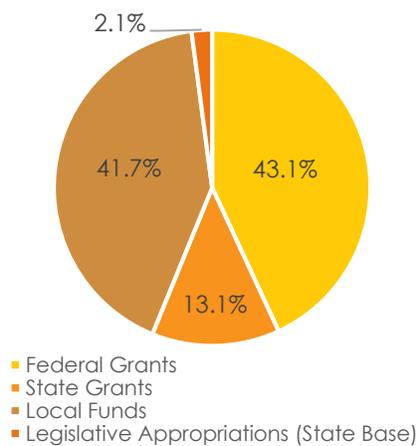
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the ESCs and established performance standards that each ESC is expected to meet. Each ESC is also required to perform an annual financial audit, conduct an annual client satisfaction survey of school districts and charter schools; as well as complete a cost-savings for schools analysis for the Legislature each biennium.

Funding Sources

ESCs are primarily funded by revenue generated locally through school districts and charter schools purchasing ESC services. Legislative appropriations, \$12.5 million per year, comprise approximately 2.1% of all combined ESC funds. These funds are critical to offset the cost to schools and allow them to receive necessary services at the highest quality and lowest price.

ESCs are non-regulatory agencies and have no taxing authority. This requires ESCs to purchase significant capital outlay expenditures and maintain/renovate facilities on a pay-as-you-go basis. ESCs must also have appropriate reserves to develop new services requested by schools and to help implement state initiatives.

Revenue by Source



Additional Highlights

Client Satisfaction

For 2013, the 20 ESCs combined scored a 4.78 on a 5 point scale. Respondents were asked to describe their level of satisfaction on a variety of ESC services such as those designed to help schools operate efficiently and economically, support for Bilingual and ESL Education, and support in foundational academic areas. For most items, 96% of respondents expressed that they were very satisfied or satisfied with their ESC.

Business Partnerships and Cost Savings

ESCs partner with private entities to assist schools in purchasing items and services. Combined, the 20 ESCs partner with over 10,600 vendors for a total of over \$900 million worth of goods and services. This maximization of economies of scale allow schools to have greater access to goods and services, than they would on an individual basis. Additionally, the 2013 Report of Cost Savings found that Texas schools save approximately a combined \$835 million by utilizing ESC services.

Region 18 – Midland

<http://www.esc18.net/> | T: 432.563.2380

Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 43

Student Population: 83,305

Educator Population (projected): 10,423



Student Population Information

Region 18 serves a student population made up of 4.6% African American, 65.6% Hispanic, 27.4% White, and 2.4% other. Approximately 51.3% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

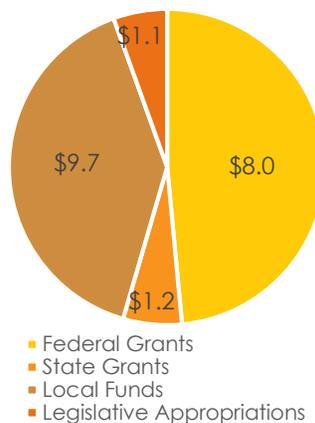
Region 18 is challenged by the extensive geography of the region (37,553 square miles) as well as a booming oil and gas industry in the Permian Basin. Districts in Region 18 are challenged with staffing shortages for teachers, administrators, support staff and substitutes.

Funding Sources

Region 18 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$20.0 million with 39.9% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 5.6% of Region 18's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and business management service.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

If ESC 18 lost the legislative appropriations, prices for ESC services would be increased significantly to maintain the current services level of services. ESC18 is very dependent on state funding due to the needs of the region. Since ESC 18 is the major support provider for the districts in Region 18, any decrease in funding that resulted in reduced service would negatively impact the schools in Region 18.

Projects & Initiatives

Comprehensive Systematic Support

ESC18 provides systemic support to the schools in Region 18 with content trainings at cluster sites throughout the region with a shortened online version of the training for those that cannot attend. The trainings are followed up with on-site coaching and modeling of quality instruction by ESC content consultants. Also, ESC leadership consultants work with campus leadership teams on systemic processes for targeted school improvement practices.

ESC-U

ESC-U is a new online support system for educators in Region 18. ESC consultants post online trainings in a robust online management system for educators to access in the areas of content, leadership, data, bilingual and special populations.

ESC Executive Director – Mr. John Thomas

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Culberson, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler